

## LXIII.—A new Squirrel from Burmah.

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THE Natural-History Museum has recently received from Capt. A. W. Kemmis, Burma Military Police, a specimen of a squirrel so distinct in coloration from any other known form that I think it deserves to be described and named.

*Sciurus kemmisi*, sp. n.

A squirrel about the size of *S. haringtoni*, Thos., or *S. blanfordi*, Blyth, remarkable on account of the bright colouring of its face.

Size as in *S. blanfordi*. Fur close, of medium length; on the back, underfur 14–18 mm., longer hairs 25 mm. General colour above “olive,” finely grizzled with buffy; individual hairs of underfur “blackish slate” at their bases for one-third their length, then black with a narrow subterminal whitish ring; longer hairs black, with three pale buff rings 3–4 mm. wide dividing whole length into four black sections, each 4–5 mm.; below bright “orange-rufous.” Face, as far as back of eyes, throat, feet, and hands “orange-rufous,” like the belly. Tail finely banded black and buffy for most of its length, individual hairs 40–45 mm. long, pale buff, with six evenly placed black rings, each 4–5 mm. wide; colouring of back above and belly below extending for only a very short distance (35 mm.) along the tail. Tip of tail coloured entirely bright “bay.”

Dimensions (from a dried skin):—

Head and body (c.) 250 mm.; tail (c.) 235; hind foot 46; ear 18.

*Hab.* Katha, Upper Irrawadi.

*Type.* Adult female. B.M. no. 8. 8. 17. 3.

This very distinct and handsome species, which I have much pleasure in naming after its collector, is probably most nearly related to *S. blanfordi* and *S. haringtoni*. In both these species the belly-colour is found extending on to the feet and hands, but neither of them shows any trace of its extension to the face, which is such a marked feature in the present species. This character and the bay tail-tip serve to distinguish *S. kemmisi* at a glance from any other species.